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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMODITIES: FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING ON TEA

REF: GENEVA 702

1. FAO TEA EXPERT MULHERIN REVIEWED RESULTS OF UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON TEA WITH FODAG OFFICER.

2. MULHERIN THOUGHT MEETING WAS QUITE PRODUCTIVE, THOUGH ADMITTING THAT ALL IT DID WAS CONFIRM RESULTS OF LAST FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOUP ON TEA. RESONAS FOR MULHERIN'S OPTIMISM WERE; FIRST, HE THOUGHT THERE WAS GREATER COMMITMENT FOR A TEA GREEMENT DESPITE U.S. CAVEAT THAT WE WOULD NOT AGREE IN PRINCIPLE ON THE NEED FOR AN AGREEMENT UNTIL THE VARIOUS PARTS WERE WORKED OUT; SECOND, HE THOUGHT THE KENYANS HAD COME A LONG WAY TOWARD ACCEPTING SOME SORT OF QUOTA SCHEME GIVEN

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THEY RECEIVE A LARGE ENOUGH QUOTA; AND THIRD, A PROGRAM OF WORK WAS AGREED UPON.

3. THE FAO AND UNCTAD HAVE ALREADY AGREED ON AN OUTLINE OF THEIR FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH FAO PLANNING TO DO MOST OF THE ECONOMIC WORK. THIS PAPER WOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE PRODUCERS IN JUNE OR JULY. THEN THERE WOULD BE AN FAO EXPERT GROUP MEETING

IN SEPTEMBER AND ANOTHER UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON TEA
IN OCTOBER. NOTE THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SOME SLIPPAGE
ALREADY.

4. FODAG AGREES WITH THRUST OF COMMENT IN PARA 7 REFTEL FOR
CLSER COOPERATION BETWEEN ROME AND GENEVA ON PROBLEM ISSUES
OF METUAL INTEREST. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT SEE ANY REAL DIFFERENCES
REFERRED TO IN THE U.S. POSITION TAKEN HERE IN ROME OR GENEVA
OR FOR THAT MATTER THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETINGS. IN BOTH CASES
IT WAS AGREED TO WORK ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A TEA AGREEMENT
ALTHOUGH THE U.S. EXPRESSED ITS VIEW THAT IT HADN'T YET DECIDED
SUCH AN AGREEMENT WAS NECESSARY. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRESENT
U.S. POLICY IS THAT THE U.S. IS WILLING TO DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY
AND, IN GENERAL, IS WILLING TO DISCUSS THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS IN
ROME WITH ANY ACUTAL NEGOTIATIONS IN UNCTAD. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD
REALIZE THAT EACH MEETING AT THE FAO OR UNCTAD AT WHICH WE PARTICI-
PATE IN EXAMINING ASPECTS OF AN AGREEMENT MAKES IT HARDER FOR THE
U.S. TO DECIDE AGAINST A NEGOTIATION.

5. FROM ROME THE PROBLEM WOULD SEEM TO BE THE LACK OF A CLEAR
U.S. POSITION TOWARDS EACH SPECIFIC COMMODITY AGREEMENT AND IN
WHIC FORA WE WISH TO DISCUSS THESE COMMODITY AGREEMENTS.
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